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Improvements to the Raghavayyan and Malattur channels.

* 1403 Q.—Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDIYAR : With reference to the answer given to clauses (*a*), (*b*), (*d*) and (*e*) of question No. 1159 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 4th November 1927 regarding improvements to Raghavayyan and Malattur channels, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to call for the information ?

A.—A report has been called for.

Proposed construction of a dam across the Pennar river.

* 1404 Q.—Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDIYAR : With reference to the answer to clause (*b*) of question No. 1160 answered on 4th November 1927 regarding the proposed construction of a dam across the Pennar river, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to call for the information ?

A.—A report has been called for.

Supply of water to the irrigation channels.

* 1405 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that whenever for any reason the F.S.L. in the canals has to be reduced, orders are also issued for a corresponding reduction in the supply to irrigation channels ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the supply to the irrigation channels need not necessarily be reduced to secure a reduction in the F.S.L. in the canals ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the reduction in supply to the irrigation channels often results in injury to the cultivating ryots ; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to direct that the supply to irrigation channels be not reduced unless the same also is absolutely necessary ?

A.—A copy of the Superintending Engineer's report, [a] dated 6th January 1928, is placed on the table.

Widening of the Yeleru bridge at Cocanada.

* 1406 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU : With reference to the answer to question No. 229 answered on 26th August 1927 regarding the widening of the Yeleru bridge at Cocanada, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have called for a report as stated in the answer to clause (*c*) of the above question ; and

(*b*) what action the Government have decided to take to avoid the submersion ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Superintending Engineer's report, a copy of which is appended [b], shows that it would be useless to reconstruct the bridge, or widen the existing waterway under it.

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 334 infra. [b] Printed as Appendix II on pages 334-335 infra.

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Proposals regarding the Coringa Island project.

*1407 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to postpone the Coringa Island project;

(b) if so, the grounds for their decision ; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table the proposals that have been made in that connexion and the orders passed thereon ?

A.—(a) Yes

(b) & (c) A copy of G.O. No. 2713 I., dated 16th November 1927, will be placed [a] on the table. The report of the Board of Revenue printed in that Government Order gives the reasons for which the Government have decided on postponement. Briefly they are that the project is unlikely to be productive and that it is desirable to see first how the Polavaram project works out.

Remodelling of the Thossipudi in East Godavari.

*1408 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Thossipudi channel in East Godavari has been remodelled without raising the banks so as to maintain the F.S.L. at 5·5 feet ;

(b) what is the level that can now be maintained with the present height of the banks ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the supply of water has been curtailed on that account and that the fields do not get sufficient supply of water ?

A.—The Government have called for a report.

Second crop cultivation under the Thossipudi northern channel.

*1409 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the amount spent hitherto for remodelling the Thossipudi northern channel in the Godavari Eastern delta ;

(b) the area of second crop under that channel before remodelling was taken up and that after the remodelling during the last three years ;

(c) whether it is a fact that there was a decrease in revenue under second crop demand after remodelling ;

(d) whether it is a fact that a large extent of land irrigable by the Thossipudi channel is being irrigated by the Kaikavole channel and other sources, thereby depriving the lands under the latter of their legitimate supply ; and

(e) whether the said course is sought to be legitimised by changing the ayacuts of the said channels ?

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a Printed separately.